

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of September 27, 2005, in which claims 1-20 are presently pending. Of those, claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication US 2004/0052948 of Gronbeck, et al. In addition, claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gronbeck. Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Finally, claims 7-20 have been allowed. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Paragraph [0025] of the electronically filed specification has been amended as set forth above to correct a typographical error found therein.


Claims 3 and 19 have been amended as set forth above in order to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner on page 2, paragraph 1 of the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objections thereto be withdrawn.

With regard to indicated allowable subject matter, claim 1 has been amended so as to incorporate the elements of cancelled claim 5 therein. As such, remaining claims 2-4 and 6 dependent therefrom have been placed in condition for allowance.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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